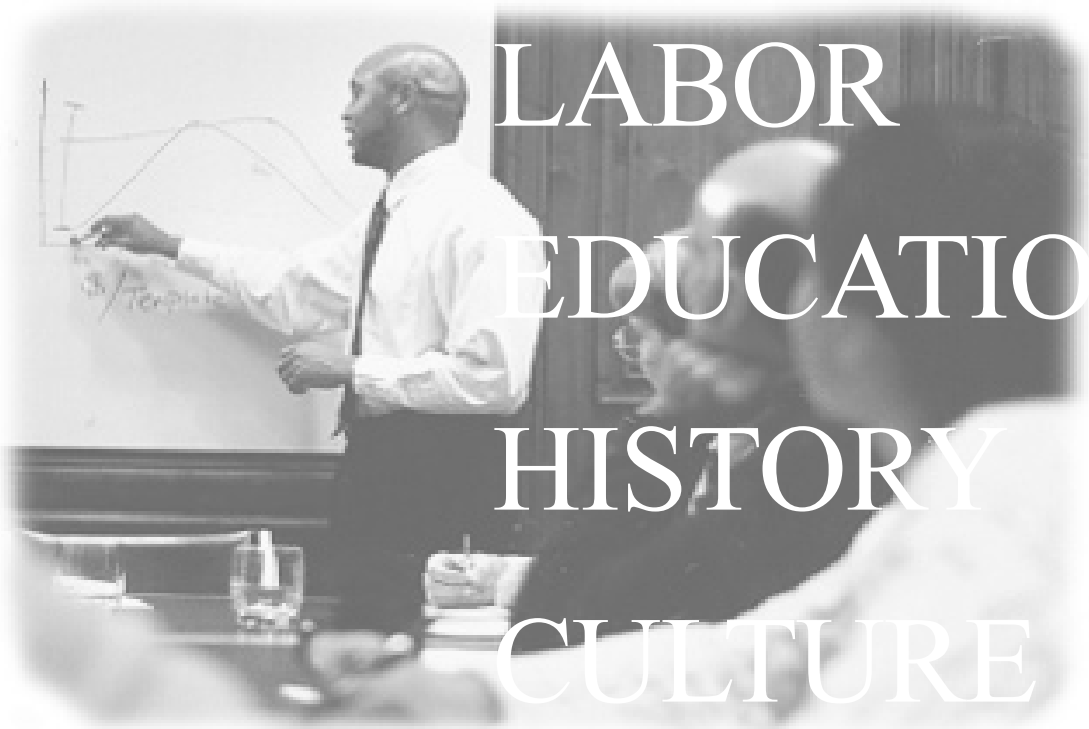


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Winn Parish

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History¹

Created on February 24, 1852, Winn parish was named after Walter O. Winn, a prominent early Louisiana lawyer from Alexandria. The parish was originally a part of Natchitoches Parish. It is the birthplace of Huey P. Long and his brother, Earl K. Long, both longtime politicians and governors of Louisiana.

Culture and Recreation³

A visit to Winn Parish is a step back in time. Historical homes and buildings abound. Winn is rich in stories and folklore of outlaws, bandits, presidents, generals, the Civil War, Indians, railroad men, oil men, and politicians. Winnfield is the home of three governors; Huey and Earl Long and O.K. Allen. Here you can visit the Old Louisiana and Arkansas Depot that houses three museums in one. The forestry section changes its displays regularly and is always of interest. Nearby Kisatchie National Forest offers picnic areas and trails to enjoy the beautiful natural settings. Winn parish is a true Sportsman's Paradise. Fairs and festivals are scheduled regularly throughout the parish.



Parish Seat¹ Winnfield¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

Winnfield
1990 6,138
1997 (estimate) 6,300

Parish Population²

1990 16,269
1997 (estimate) 17,195

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White	66%
African American	33%
Other	1%
Male	52%
Female	48%
Population age 0-4	6%
Populations age 65 & over	15%



Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	143 ft.
Land area in square miles	950.6
Water area in square miles ⁴	6.4

Climate²

Average temperatures	
Annual	67°
January	52°
July	81°
Annual average rainfall	60.0 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	6,580
Employed	6,160
Unemployed	420
Unemployment	6.3%

Agriculture¹

Timber and an Emu ranch near Sikes, Louisiana; lumber (diversified into plywood, chips, timber treatment and veneer), rock, charcoal and turbine engine.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Louisiana College, Pineville

Louisiana State University, Alexandria

Northwestern State University,

Natchitoches

Public Libraries⁵ 5

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	6.0%
High school graduate or higher	58.0%
Some college or higher	20.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.0%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers

Riverwood International Corporation (Lumber)	410
Willamette Industries, Inc. (Timber)	350
Winn Parish Medical Center (Medical)	200

Public Employers

Winn Parish School Board (Education)	477
Corrections Corporation (State Prison)	350

Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	24.3%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	33.7%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$14,122



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⁶ U.S. Bureau of the Census. 1998. Population Estimates. 1998. keywords: parish name <http://www.census.gov/datamap/www/22.html>

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Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington